any meeting in New Delhi with the assistance from the U.N. Childrens, Fund and supported by Department of Women and Child Development with a view to deliberate on the rights of the child with country's top Experts, Government officials and representatives from voluntary agencies looking after children's welfare in India.

(b) if so, what were the major themes deiberated upon particularly relating to child labour, abuse and role of media, family environment and alternate care etc. and whether any recommendations made in respect thereof at the above seminar;

(c) what are the obstacles and difficulties which Government of India feel are coming in the way of full implementation of the U.N. Convention on the rights of Child which was adopted by one U.N. General Assembly on November, 20, 1989 and put into force on 2nd September, 1990; and

(d) how many reports Government have submitted so far in this regard on the measures adopted by India from the date of ratification of the convention and if not, the reasons therefor and when the next report is required to be submitted to the U.N.?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. The meeting was recently held on 21—23 Nov., 94.

(b) Major themes and sub-themes deliberated upon included; (a) Child Rights and Freedom of Children, (b) Family environment and alternate care (including adoption), (c) Basic health, Nutrition and Child Care, (d) Education, leisure and culture, (e) Children with special needs namely disabled children, Child Labour, Abused children and children in situations of emergency, and (f) The role of Media.

(c) No specific obstacles and difficulties have come in the way of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as ratified by India. With a view to ensuring the rights of the child relating to their survival, protection and development as contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), a National Plan of Action for Children (1992) laying down major and sectoral goals to be achieved by mid decade and 2000 A.D., has been adopted. The priority areas identified under the plan include Health, Nutrition, Education, Water Sanitation and Environment advocacy and people's participation. An Inter-ministerial monitoring committee has been set up which monitors, at regular intervals, the action taken to implement the Plan of Action for children.

(d) The first country report on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention is due only on 10th January, 1996. Thereafter, State Parties are required to submit periodic reports every 5 years.

गुजरात के स्वैच्छिक संगठनों द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता की मांग किया जाना

673. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :**
श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :

क्या **कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार को गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के बड़ोदरा, भरूच, सूरत और पंचमहल जिलों के विभिन्न स्वयंसेवी सगठनों से वित्तीय सहायता के लिये प्रति वर्ष कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं ;

(ख) सरकार ने कितने आवेदन पत्रों को स्वीकृति दी है और उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी है ;

(ग) कितने आवेदन-पत्र स्वकृति के लिये लंबित हैं ; और

(घ) इन्हें कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जायेगी ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सहायता

अनुदान के लिये आवेदनों की संख्या इस प्रकार है:--

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
वड़ोदरा	4	3	4
भड़ौच	शून्य	1	1
सूरत	1	1	1
पंचमहल	1	1	1

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान निपटाए गए आवेदनों की संख्या तथा वितरित राशि इस प्रकार है :—

(रुपए लाख में)

	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	संख्या	राशि	संख्या	राशि	संख्या	राशि
वड़ोदरा	3	5.08	3	6.89	3	9 10
भड़ौच	शून्य	--	--	--	--	0.68
सूरत	1	0.50	1	1.12	1	2.72
पंचमहल	1	1.17	1	2.81	--	--

(ग) पांच आवेदन लंबित हैं।

(घ) संगठनों से आवश्यक सूचना/स्पष्टीकरण प्राप्त होने तथा/अथवा जहां आवश्यक हो, राज्य सरकार से रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने पर, यदि पात्र पाये जाते हैं, तो वित्तीय सहायता के लिये लंबित आवेदनों पर विचार किया जाता है।

Monorities Financial Development Corporation

674. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 707 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1994 and state whether the modalities have since been worked out for the proposed National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): Government has set up a National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) which has become operational from 30th September, 1994, with an authorised share capital of Rs. 50 crores to promote economic and developmental activities for the benefit of backward sections amongst the minorities, preference being given to occupational groups and women. Loans and advances would be extended to the members belonging to the minorities whose annual family income is below double the poverty line